

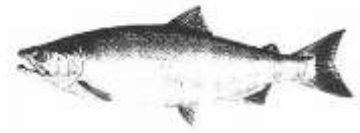
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OUTER DISTRICT: The following areas will open for 16-hour periods from 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM on Monday, July 30 and Tuesday, July 31,

- the Koyuktolik (Dogfish) Subdistrict west of the longitude of the mouth of the lagoon channel, (151° 52.72' W. long),
 - the Windy Bay Subdistrict,
 - the Rocky Bay Subdistrict, and
 - the Port Dick Subdistrict **excluding** waters in Port Dick North Section. The "Port Dick North Section" is defined by emergency order as waters north of a line between 59° 16.10' N. lat, 151° 07.07' W. long. and 59° 18.49' N. lat., 151° 17.175' W. long.
- All anadromous stream closures are in place in these areas.

SOUTHERN DISTRICT: Waters of the China Poot Subdistrict excluding the China Poot SHA, and waters of the Halibut Cove Subdistrict, excluding Halibut Cove Lagoon, remain open to commercial salmon **purse seine harvest** on a regular schedule of two 64-hour fishing periods per week, from 6:00 a.m. Monday until 10:00 p.m. Wednesday, and from 6:00 a.m. Thursday until 10:00 p.m. Saturday until further notice.

The China Poot SHA is defined in 5 AAC 21.373 as, "the marine waters of the China Poot Bay Subdistrict in the Southern District shoreward of and enclosed by a line from 59° 34.66' N. lat., 151° 19.27' W. long., to 59° 35.08' N. lat., 151° 19.77' W. long., to 59° 33.09' N. lat., 151° 25.22' W. long., to 59° 32.84' N. lat., 151° 24.90' W. long.;"

Also within the Southern District, waters of the Barabara Creek Subdistrict, the Tutka Bay Subdistrict, the Halibut Cove Subdistrict and the Seldovia Bay Subdistrict remain open to commercial salmon **set gillnet harvest** on a regular schedule of two 48-hour fishing periods per week, from 6:00 a.m. Monday until 6:00 a.m. Wednesday, and from 6:00 a.m. Thursday until 6:00 a.m. Saturday until further notice. Waters of the Port Graham Subdistrict remain closed to commercial set gillnet harvest. **Preliminary** set gillnet commercial harvest to date from the Southern District is shown below,

Period			Sockeye			Chinook			Chum			Pink		
Pd. #	Dates	Del.	10-yr avg.	2011 harvest	2012 harvest	10-yr avg.	2011 harvest	2012 harvest	10-yr avg.	2011 harvest	2012 harvest	10-yr avg.	2011 harvest	2012 harvest
1	6/1 - 6/2	6	158	1,214	429	31	15	5	6	20	15	---	0	0
2	6/4 - 6/6	7	1,278	700	519	100	9	7	18	16	6	---	0	0
3	6/7 - 6/9	7	894	287	615	90	11	7	28	24	33	---	0	0
4	6/11 - 6/13	9	1,491	707	465	72	16	16	51	27	76	---	0	0
5	6/14 - 6/16	6	903	292	218	55	9	3	47	7	18	---	0	0
6	6/18 - 6/20	8	1,634	382	635	57	6	5	88	16	35	---	0	93
7	6/21 - 6/23	5	1,003	1,269	420	41	5	2	66	90	47	27	0	48
8	6/25 - 6/27	7	1,885	998	467	34	4	5	228	83	39	132	171	183
9	6/28 - 6/30	7	1,801	967	529	19	3	2	188	120	44	146	48	126
10	7/2 - 7/4	7	2,854	1,470	530	22	9	9	299	26	122	337	70	5
11	7/5 - 7/7	7	2,370	2,302	553	14	5	1	175	110	11	359	62	3
12	7/9 - 7/11	10	3,363	5,352	819	14	3	3	186	285	67	546	270	1
13	7/12 - 7/14	5	2,281	2,131	556	7	2	0	149	183	61	258	496	0
14	7/16 - 7/18	7	3,516	2,405	979	7	3	0	209	281	105	364	264	11
15	7/19 - 7/21	7	1,645	701	869	2	0	2	150	171	146	129	87	3
16	7/23 - 7/25	6	1,386	906	431	3	0	0	133	186	26	150	166	0
Total			28,462	22,083	9,034	568	100	67	2,021	1,645	851	2,448	1,634	473

Preliminary common property purse seine harvest since 7/18 from the Southern District is 3,250 sockeye and 1,100 pink salmon with an additional 8,500 sockeye salmon harvested by CIAA for cost recovery.

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KAMISHAK BAY DISTRICT: Waters of the Bruin Bay Subdistrict excluding the Kirchner Lake Special Harvest Area, and waters of the Chenik Subdistrict excluding Chenik Lagoon will open to commercial seine harvest on a seven day per week schedule starting at 6:00 AM on Monday, July 30. Waters in the Kamishak Bay Subdistrict **excluding** the McNeil and Paint River subdistricts remain open on this schedule. Since July 19 a total of 2,400 chum and 74 pink salmon have been harvested by the common property fleet with an additional 1,260 sockeye salmon harvested by Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association for cost recovery from the Kirchner Lake remote release site.

SUBSISTENCE: Waters of the Port Graham Subdistrict including the English Bay Section remain open to weekly subsistence set gillnet harvest periods from 6:00 AM, Monday until 10:00 PM, Sunday and will continue on this schedule until further notice. Total passage at the English Bay weir through July 25 was 3,666 fish. The SEG for this system is 6,000 – 13,500 sockeye salmon. Historically the average English Bay sockeye salmon return is over 97% complete by July 16. The intent of this opening is to provide opportunity for subsistence users to harvest other species as well as sockeye salmon returning to the Port Graham hatchery remote release site.

Commercial fishermen are reminded that all lawfully taken finfish that are retained but not sold (“homepacks”) must be reported on a fish ticket at the time of landing. Fish tickets have a not sold/home pack block to report these fish. Halibut are not legal to retain from commercial salmon seines or gillnets because these are not legal gear for halibut.

5 AAC 39.010. Retention of fish taken in a commercial fishery (a) A person engaged in commercial fishing may retain finfish from lawfully taken commercial catch for that person's own use, including for the use as bait in a commercial fishery. Finfish retained under this section may not be sold or bartered. (b) Except as otherwise specified in 5 AAC 01 - 5 AAC 39, a commercial fisherman shall report on an ADF&G fish ticket, at the time of delivery of the commercial catch, the number of steelhead retained from the commercial catch but not sold. For the purposes of this subsection, "delivery" means the offloading of the finfish for sale or for transport to a buyer for later sale.

5 AAC 39.130. Reports required of fishermen, processors, buyers, exporters, and operators of certain commercial fishing vessels; transporting requirements (C)(10) the number of fish of any species retained by a commercial fisherman for personal use as specified in 5 AAC 39.010:

Permit holders are advised that unscheduled announcements based on current escapement data may occur at any time inseason either establishing an additional period or extending an open period.

The next scheduled salmon fisheries announcement is anticipated to be on Wednesday, August 1.

Announcement recordings are available on the 24-hour telephone recording in the Homer office at 907/235-7307.

Additionally, announcements, inseason harvest data, and escapement data are available at the following web address:

<http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyarealci.salmon>

Unless otherwise specified, all openings are clock openings based on Alaska Daylight Time, which is based on Coordinated Universal Time and may be obtained by calling 303-499-7111.

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